Guideline for the Design, Installation, Inspection, Testing, Operation and Maintenance of Water Heater Systems

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Citation and Commencement

- This guideline is issued in exercise of power conferred by Section 50c of Electricity Supply Act 1990 [Act 447];
- 2. Shall come into operation on the date of registration: <u>7th April 2017</u>;
- 3. Energy commission may at anytime amend, modify, vary or revoke this guideline or may issue written notices from time – to time in relation to this guideline



- 1. Design, installation, inspection, testing, operation and maintenance of water heater systems used in:
 - a. Residential buildings;
 - b. Commercial buildings;
 - c. Hotels;
 - d. Resort; etc.,



- 2. Shall apply to:
 - a. Instantaneous water heaters;
 - b. Storage water heaters (Up to 300 litres); and
 - c. Solar water heaters (Up to 300 litres) which may include an auxiliary heat source to ISO 9459 2: 1995 (Solar Heating Domestic Water Heating Systems)
- 3. Address:
 - a. Safety aspects of electrical wiring and accessories; and
 - b. The safety and efficiency aspects in the operation and use of water heater systems
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Not Within Scope

- 1. Safety requirements of the water heater itself (*Products*) covered by other Malaysia Standards, including:
 - a. MS IEC 60335 1:2013: Household and Similar Electrical Appliances – Part 1: General Requirement;
 - b. MS 1597 2 35:2010 (IEC 60335 2 35:2006, MOD): Household and Similar Electrical Appliance - Safety - Part 2 - 35: Particular Requirements for Instantaneous Water Heater (2nd Edition); and

Not Within Scope

- 1. Safety requirements of the water heater itself covered by other Malaysia Standards, including (Continue):
 - c. MS 1597 2 21:2010 (IEC 60335 2 21:2012, MOD): Household ad Similar Electrical Appliance - Safety - Part 2 -21: Particular Requirements for Storage Water Heater (2nd Edition); and



- 1. Products:
 - a. MS IEC 60335–1:2015: Household and similar electrical appliances–Safety–Part 1: General requirements;
 - b. MS 1597–2–35: 2010: Household and similar electrical appliance–Safety–Part 2–35: Particular requirements for instantaneous water heaters;
 - c. MS 1597 2 21: 2015: Household and similar electrical appliance–Safety–Part 2–21: Particular requirements for storage water heaters



- 2. Electrical installations:
 - a. MS IEC 60364: Electrical installations of buildings;
 - b. (Residential) MS 1979:2015: Electrical installations of buildings Code of practice;
 - c. (Non-residential or non-domestic) MS 1936:2016: Electrical installations of buildings Guide to MS IEC 60364
- 3. Mechanical installations:
 - a. Guideline for the design, installation, inspection, testing, operation and maintenance of water heater systems

Requirements of Water Heaters (Product) and Mechanical Installations: Mr. Tee Tone Vei

<u>Safety</u>

- 1. Product Safety: Sub standard water heaters and materials;
- 2. Electrical isolation safety: Isolation barriers;
- 3. Bio safety: Legionnaire diseases risk;
- 4. Thermal safety: scalding or burns risk;
- 5. Pressure safety: Explosion risk;
- 6. Electrical shock safety: Electric shock ad electrocution risk;
- 7. Poor access for installations;
- 8. Sub standard workmanship;
- 9. No maintenance

Similar Risks



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APPROVAL OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

(ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS 1994)

INFORMATION BOOKLET 2016 EDITION

	WATER HEATER including HEATING ELEMENTS IF SUPPLIED SEPARATELY	 (a) Storage is for heating and storage of water for bathing, washing or similar purposes; incorporates a heating element; and has a storage capacity not less than 4.5 L or not more than 680 L. 	 MS 1597+2+21:2011	IEC 60335+1:2006 IEC 60335+2+ 21:2004 with modification
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Approved Water Heaters, Malaysia



Electrical Isolation: Conductivity of

Bathing Water

- 1. Pure water is a good insulator or non conductive electrically;
- 2. Dissolved salts increase water conductivity;
- 3. Conductivity reduces with smaller cross sectional area and longer length of paths of water

	Electrical Conductivity (S-m-)
Copper	59.6 x 10 ⁶
Aluminium	37.8 x 10 ⁶
Sea water	
* An average salinity of 35 g/kg	5
Drinking water	0.0005 to 0.05
Deionized water	5.5 x 10 ⁻⁶

Electrical Isolation: Non – Conductive

Hose and Isolation Barrier



Electrical Isolation: Non – Conductive Hose and Isolation Barrier

- 1. 1 meter non-conductive bathing water pathway reduces electric shock leakage current to < 0.005A @ 1,250 ohm.cm or 125 kOhm.m
 - a. MS IEC 60364: Safe Ileak < 0.00025A;
 - b. IEC 60479: Safe Ileak < 0.005A





Non Conductive HoseIsolation BarrierMS1597–2-35:2010Latest MS 1597-2-21:2015Guidelines for Water Heater Systems - 12 Oct 1712

Electrical Isolation: Isolation Barriers



Figure 10: Installation of Isolation Barriers.

Cable Connection



Cable Connection and Enhanced Protection by RCD Fixed Wire Flexible wire WATER HEATER R=1.5 m **ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS STANDARDS PRODUCT STANDARDS**

Approved IP 65 Junction Boxes





Approved Terminal Blocks or Connectors





Flammable !

850°C Flame Retardant

Bio Safety: Legionnaires Disease

What is

Legionnaires Disease?



Bio Safety: Legionnaires Disease

- 1. Cause lung infection (Pneumonia);
 - a. Antibiotics are an effective medical treatment;
 - b. The most useful approach is prevention with the proper water system such as water heater systems
- 2. Fatality rate:
 - *a.* 10% 15%;
 - b. Hospital patients: Can reach 80%;
- 3. Grows in warm water
- 4. Transmits by inhalation of contaminated aerosol Example:
 Cooling tower cold & hot water system

Legionnaires Disease and Water

Temperature

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	55°C		Legionella die within 5 to 6 hours
20°C & below Legionella are dormant	20°C to 48	5°C	Legionella multiply
	20°C & be	wole	Legionella are dormant

Source: Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering, UK

Thermal Safety – Scalding or Burns Risks:

Skin Scalding Temperature



65°C a partial hickness burn in about 2 seconds.

60°C a partial thickness burn in about 5 seconds.

55°C a partial thickness burn in about 15 seconds.

50°C a partial thickness burn in about 90 seconds.

Source: Chartered Institute of Plumbing & Heating Engineering, UK

Safe Bathing Temperature Range



Thermostatic Mixing Valve



Pressure Safety: Explosion Risk

1. MS IEC 60364 and MS 1597 – 2 – 21: Three (3) level of pressure safety protection



Temperature / Pressure Relief Valves

- 1. Two types:
 - a. TPV (Better protection compared with PRV): Temperature and pressure relief valve Typically designed to relieve pressure at 150 psig and on temperature at 90°C
 - b. PRV: Pressure relief valve



Relief Valves: Proper Discharge



Do Not Install Shut Down Valve



Pressure Safety: A Premium Resort



Electrical Safety: Statistics

- 1. Water heater system installations per year:
 - a. Instant water heater: $\approx 400k 500k$;
 - b. Storage water heater: $\approx 80k$ to 100k;
 - c. Solar water heater: $\approx 20k$
- 2. Electrocution: Reported since year 2009
 - a. Instant water heater: 5 cases;
 - b. Storage water heater: 4 cases;
 - c. Solar water heater: 1 case
10 mA Electric Shock Current May be Fatal





<u>Sub – Standard Wiring Works: Statistics</u>

- 1. 9 reported electrocution cases within past 7 years:
 - a. Residual current devices (RCD): All main RCD not functioning;
 - b. Water heater in normal working conditions including built in RCD;
 - c. 1 case: Undersized incoming cable;
 - d. 6 cases: Electrified earth cable, leakage from other circuit to water heater systems and electrocution through water heater;
 - e. 2 cases Causes not positively identified

Leakage Current From Other Circuit

No Leakage Current: No Trip

Leakage Current by Same Circuit: Trip

Leakage Current from Other Circuit: No Trip



Typical Domestic Electrical Installations



Electric Shock Fault and RCD Malfunction



Cable LIVE & EARTH Short Circuit!

Electric Shock Fault and RCD Malfunctions

/ Defective Earthing



RCD Malfunctions



Defective Earthing



A Case for News Reporting



Reasonable Access: At Least 60 cm x 60 cm in the Vicinity of Water Heater System



Working Spaces:

Standards: IEC 60364 / BS 7671:2008

132.12 Accessibility of electrical equipment

Electrical equipment shall be arranged so as to afford as may be necessary:

- (i) sufficient space for the initial installation and later replacement of individual items of electrical equipment
- (ii) accessibility for operation, inspection, testing, fault detection, maintenance and repair.

<u>Suruhanjaya Tenaga – Non – Domestic</u> <u>Electrical Installations Safety Code:</u> <u>Working Space</u>

Table 9: Minimum safety and working clearance

Nominal Voltage U	Maximum Voltage U (kV)	Minimum safety phase to earth air clearance (mm)	Minimum work safety clearance (mm)
0.151-1	-	-	1,250
6	7.2	500	3,000
11	12	500	3,000
33	36	500	3,000
66	72.5	700	3,100
132	145	1,100	3,600
275	300	1,600	4,100
500	525	3,600	6,400

NEC: Working Spaces



Source: John Newquist

<u>Sub – Standard Workmanship</u>



Source: House Maintenance

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Source: HomePro

<u>Sub – Standard Workmanship</u>



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No Maintenance



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Source: TEEAM

Consequences of Water Heater Accidents



Seremban:

Malaysian Study in Korean University Electrocuted While Taking Bath

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Source: Free Malaysia Today

Consequences of Water Heating Accidents





Amputated Hand

Source: Shout, UK

Source: Library Med. Utah.Edu, USA

Consequences of Water Heater Accidents



Mont Kiara Condominium: Exploding Boiler: Expat Escapes Unscathed

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Source: NST

Requirements of Electrical Installations

Regulatory Requirements and Standards Compliance

- 1. Electricity Supply Act 1990 [Act 447] and Electricity Regulations 1994;
- 2. Residential or similar installations: MS 1979: 2015: Electrical Installations of Buildings – Code of Practice;
- 3. Non Residential or similar installations: MS 1936: 2016: Electrical Installation of Buildings – Guide to MS IEC 60364;
- 4. Non Domestic Electrical Installation Safety Code

<u>Regulatory Requirements and Standards</u> <u>Compliance</u>

- 5. IEC 60364 7 701: 2006: Low Voltage Electrical Installations –
 Part 7 701: Requirements for Special Installations or Locations –
 Locations containing a bath or shower
- 6. MS IEC (IEC) 60364: Electrical Installations of Buildings; and
- 7. MS IEC (IEC) 60038:2008: IEC Standard Voltages
 - a. Malaysia complies with European Agreement RD 472 D2

Earthing System and Nominal Voltages

- 1. MS IEC (IEC) 60364:
 - a. Earthing system: TT earthing system;
- 2. MS IEC (IEC) 60038 (Malaysia complies with European Agreement RD 472 S2):
 - *a.* Single/Three Phase: 230/400Vrms –6 % +10%
 - b. Frequency: 50 Hz + 1 Hz, -6% +10%;

Registered Contractor and Competent Person

- 1. All electrical installation work on water heater system shall be carried out by:
 - a. Competent person such as wireman registered with Suruhanjaya Tenaga;
 - b. Electrical contractor registered with Suruhanjaya Tenaga

- 1. All electrical installation equipment shall comply with Table 1
 - a. If no MS or IEC standard exists, the relevant IEC standard shall apply;
 - b. The competent person shall carry out a risk management to ensure the risk of use is within the acceptable level; and
 - c. All equipment shall be approved by Suruhanjaya Tenaga if required

Table 1: Electrical Standard for Installation Equipment

EQUIPMENT	STANDARD
Consumer Unit	IEC 61439-3:2012
Final distribution board	IEC 61439-3:2012
*Miniature Circuit Breaker (MCB)	MS IEC 60898–1:2007 (confirmed 2011) MS IEC 60898–2:2007 (confirmed 2011)
Circuit breaker	MS IEC 60947-2:2010
*Residual current device (RCD)	MS IEC 61008–1:2012 MS IEC 61008–2:2003 (confirmed 2011) MS IEC 61009–1:2012 MS IEC 61009–2:2003 (confirmed 2011)
<u>Wire and cable for fixed wiring</u> 450/750V PVC insulated cable (non-sheathed) 600/1000V PVC insulated cable (non-armoured)	MS 2112–3:2009/ MS 2112–4:2009 MS 2100:2007/ MS 2101:2007/ MS 2102:2007/ MS 2103:2007
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Table 1: Electrical Standard for Installation Equipment

EQUIPMENT	STANDARD
Cable trunking and ducting conduit	MS 1777:2006 MS IEC 61386:2010
Double pole switch (Up to 63A)	**MS IEC 60669:2012 (Non – Electronic)
Flexible wire and cable	MS 2112-5:2009
Connector	MS IEC 60998-1:2005 (confirmed 2015) MS IEC 60998-2-2:2005 (confirmed 2015) MS IEC 60998-2-3:2005 (confirmed 2015) MS IEC 60998-2-4:2005 (confirmed 2015) MS1873:2005 MS1873-22:2006 IEC 60670-22:2003+AMD1:2015

Table 1: Electrical Standard for Installation Equipment

EQUIPMENT	STANDARD
Connection unit (joint box), junction box, terminal blocks, cable lug	MS 1540:2015 MS1838:2015 MS1873:2005 BS 1363-4:1995+A4:2012
*MCP PCD combinations such as PCPO are accortable as real correct	

*MCB – RCD combinations such as RCBO are acceptable as replacement ** Electronic switches are not permitted by MS IEC 60364

Wire or Cable Colour Code

Table 2: Single phase supply: Wire or cable colour code.

Conductor	Colour Code
Live	Red
Neutral	Black
Protective Earthing	Green
Equipotential bonding	Green

Wire or Cable Colour Code

Table 3: Three phase supply single phase circuit: Wire or cable colour code.

Conductor	Colour Code
Live – Red phase	Red
Live – Yellow phase	Yellow
Live – Blue phase	Blue
Neutral	Black
Protective Earthing	Green
Equipotential bonding	Green

Wire or Cable Colour Code

Table 4: Three phase supply three phase circuit: Wire or cable colour code.

Conductor	Colour Code
Live – Red / Yellow / Blue	Red / Yellow / Blue
Neutral	Black
Protective Earthing	Green
Equipotential bonding	Green

Voltage Drop

- 1. The maximum voltage drop shall be $\leq 5\%$ of nominal voltage (230/400) from point of coupling with the electricity provider (From final distribution board or consumer unit to the disconnector of water heater system);
- 2. If the final circuit is less than or equal to 50 meters: Checking voltage drop is not required
- 3. If the final circuit is more than 50 meters: Checking voltage drop is required

Voltage Drop



Utilization Voltage



Earthing Impedance, Zs (~ RE, Resistance

for TT Earthing System



Non – Domestic Electrical Installations

Safety Code

Table 3: Maximum earth fault impedance (z_s) for RCDs

PCDs usted looking surrout (useidus) surrout (mA)	Maximum earthing impedance (ohms)	
RCDs rated leaking current / residual current (mA)	120 Volts < Supply Phase Voltage, Vp < 230 Volts	
30	1667	
100	500	

$$Z_{S} = \frac{50}{I_{n}}$$

For RCB with 30 mA Sensitivity ==> $I_n = 0.03 A$;

$$Z_{\rm S} = \frac{50}{I_{\rm n}} = \frac{50}{0.03} = 1,667 \ \Omega$$
The Story of Zs

- Non Domestic Electrical Safety Code 100 mA RCD: \leq 500 Ω 1.
 - Electric shock protection by RCD *a*.
 - Must include safety factor 0.5 0.8 for soil resistivity **b**. variation $Z_{S} = \frac{50}{I}$
- *MS* 1979 and *MS* 1936: $< 10 \Omega <<< 500 \Omega$; 2.
 - Electric shock protection by RCD; *a*. $Z_{\rm S} = \frac{50}{1}$
 - "Overkill ??" **b**.
- *3*. MS IEC 62305 / BS 7671: < 200 Ω
 - *Electric shock protection by RCD; a*.
 - Can cause electrical installation instability **b**.

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$$Z_{S} = \frac{50}{I_{n}}$$

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- 4. TNB: $\leq 1 \Omega$;
 - a. Earth fault protection
 - b. Example: 10% of 2,000A ACB setting = 200A with safety factor = 0.8 Z_S = safety factor x $\frac{230}{I_s}$ = 0.8 x $\frac{230}{200}$ = 0.92 Ω
- 5. American:
 - a. National Electrical Code (NEC) NEC 250.56: $\leq 25 \Omega$;
 - b. NFPA and IEEE: $\leq 5 \Omega$
- 6. Telecommunication: $\leq 1 \Omega$

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The Story of Zs: Equipotentialization



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- 1. Shall be dedicated outgoing final circuit originating from final distribution board or consumer unit:
 - a. Shall not be used and/or shared for any other purpose;
 - b. Shall not be shared conduit / trunking with any lighting circuit or non – final power circuit
 - c. Shall be installed in rigid conduit/trunking with space factors:
 Conduit < 40% or trunking < 45%;
 - d. Preferably fixed wiring

- 2. No cable jointing except terminations into electrical accessories such as double pole water heater switch;
- 3. Incoming of final distribution board or consumer shall have a series MCB RCD (≤ 100 mA sensitivity) protection scheme;
- 4. Outgoing dedicated final circuit shall have a series MCB RCD (\leq 10 mA sensitivity) protection scheme;



Figure 1: Example of schematic diagram for single-phase water heater.



Figure 2: Example of schematic diagram for three-phase water heater.

Note: Supplementary Equipotential Bonding (SEB) shall be installed for additional protection as per Clause 701.415.2 of IEC 60364-7-701:2006, Clause 544.2 of MS IEC 60364-5-54:2004 and Annex B of MS IEC 60364-5-54:2004.



Figure 3: The installation of RCD for instantaneous water heater with leakage current sensitivity of 10mA in a wet area.



Figure 4: The installation of RCD for storage water heater with leakage current sensitivity of 10mA in a wet area.





Earthing and Protective Conductor Terms



4. The disconnection scheme of the MCB, RCD, isolator / disconnector, switches and protective earthing (PE) shall be per Table 5

Table 5: Disconnection scheme of MCB, RCD, Isolator / Disconnector, Switches and PE.

Type of Circuit	МСВ	RCD	lsolator / Disconnector	Switches	PE
Single phase	1 pole	2 pole	2 pole	1 pole	No Break Permitted
Three phase	3 pole	4 pole	4 pole	3 pole	No Break Permitted

- 5. The MCB, RCD and cross sectional area of conductor shall be per Table 6 for single phase water heater final circuits
 - a. Only electrical grade copper conductor is permitted

Table 6: Minimum conductor sizes.

Water Heater Rating @ 230V	Load	MCB/ RCD (Minimum)	Live	Neutral	PE			
<u>≺</u> 2,856W	12.4A	16A	4 mm ²	4 mm ²	4 mm ²			
>2,856W to < 3,570W	15.5A	20A	4 mm ²	4 mm ²	4 mm ²			
>3,570W to < 4,462W	19.4A	25A	4 mm ²	4 mm ²	4 mm ²			
>4,462W to < 5,711W	24.8A	32A	4 mm ²	4 mm ²	4 mm ²			
>5,711W to < 7,139W	31A	40A	6 mm ²	6 mm ²	6 mm ²			
>7,139W to < 8,924W	38.8A	50A	10 mm²	10 mm ²	10 mm ²			
For ratings of more than the above table, the cable shall be sized as per MS IEC 60364								

IEC 60364–7–701:2006: Zoning of Bath



- IEC 60364 7 701: Electrical installations of Buildings Part 7 701: Requirements for Special Installations or Locations – Locations Containing a Bath or Shower;
- 2. Zone 0: Not permitted to install water heater;
- 3. Zone 1 (Spray hazard area): Any equipment installed in zone 1 shall have IP rating > IPX5





Figure 7: Zones 0, 1, 2 and 3 in proximity of a shower with basin.



(1) When the shower head is at the end of a flexible tube, the vertical central axis of a zone passes through the fixed end of the flexible tube

Figure 8: Zones 0, 1, 2 and 3 in proximity of a shower without basin. Guidelines for Water Heater Systems - 12 Oct 17



Figure 9: No switch is permitted within 60 cm of the door opening of a shower cabinet.







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Any Questions